Incentives to consumer for saving Power

854. SHRI B. J. PANDA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the action plan of Government, as announced by the Prime Minister, to conserve 30 per cent power through efficient use;

(b) whether any kind of incentives will be offered to consumers who help in saving power; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) The Action Plan envisages achieving the target of 30 perecent consumption reduction in Central Government buildings and its establishments in next five years by adopting energy efficiency measures.

(b) and (c) Government of India confers Energy Conservation Awards every year to the Industries for their achieving high standards in energy savings.

Improving efficiency in power generation

855. SHRI B. J. PANDA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether global consultant firm Mckinsey and Company has observed that India can save $12 billion by 2005 by improving effciency in power generation and removing transmission bottlenecks and distribution breakdowns, as reported in the Financial Express of 26th August, 2002;

(b) if so, the detailed recommendations made in their report ''Creating Momentum for change in India''; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report has emphasised the need for accelerating power sector reforms with emphasis on privatisation specially of distribution. It has recommended a three-phased approach, the summary of which is given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) Power Sector Reforms are being pursued vigorously. Many of the suggestions made in the CII report form part of the reform programme under implementation.